

Minutes of the International Society of Zoological Sciences Committee Meeting

Held at the International Symposium of Integrative Zoology, Beijing, VIP room, Xiangshan Hotel, 1:30pm, October 20th 2006.

Present:

International Society of Zoological Sciences Committee members: Dr J. Buckeridge (NZ), Dr. J-M Jallon (France), Dr. R. Polymeni (Greece), Dr. M. Schmitt (Germany), Dr. Z. Zhang (China), and Dr. Y. Xie (China, Secretary).

Formal Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from Last Meeting

-We need to contact Dr. Stenseth and enquire about his progress on the action plan

Action: Secretariate

-The minutes from the last meeting are a true record of the that meeting.

Moved: M. Schmitt

Seconded: J-M Jallon

Passed unanimously

2. Logo Designs

-Of the logos we had to choose from, it was unanimously decided that logo A, after some alterations, would be adopted.

Changes to A recommended are:

-Set the logo in a yellow box background with no black border

-Change the lower case "i" to a capital I

-Add text to the black box under "szs."

-Make the text in the black box bigger.

-Have two sample versions: one with the black box only under the "szs" and one with the black box under all four letters.

*The logo must look good in black and white as well as colour.

*We still reserve the right to change the logo.

*Prof. Jallon wants the final version of the logo within a month (of this meeting).

Moved: Z. Zhang, M. Schmitt

Passed unanimously

3. Changes to Statutes

-Two changes are to be made to the statutes.

-The word “sciences” is to be removed from the name “International Congress of Zoological Sciences” in article 7.1. The term “Zoological” is to be changed to “zoology.”

Moved: M. Schmitt, R. Polymeni
Passed unanimously

-In article 7.1, in regards to congressional meetings, the wording is to be changed from “every 4 years” to “approximately every 4 years.” “The previous four years” is to be changed to “the interregnum.”

-to improve cross referencing, the bullet point format in the statutes will be changed to numbers, e.g. 7.1.

Moved: J. Buckeridge
Passed unanimously

-We discussed the addition of a footnote in the statutes that suggests we try to have regional balance in committee leadership.

Action: J-M. Jallon

4. Membership Fee

-It was determined that a membership fee be put in place. There will be an individual one year membership fee beginning in 2008, 10€per person and 5€per student.

Moved: J. Buckeridge
Passed unanimously

-Organizations (institutions) would also pay a nominal annual fee but depending on the annual fee, it was likely that this would only provide the institution with one vote in the event of any voting. The amount for an institutional annual subscription was not confirmed. (perhaps 10€?)

Action (for consideration): Committee Members

5. Voting: avoiding local influence

-To avoid the effects of local influence, voting should be done via hand delivered envelopes or via email prior to the AGM. In most cases, the general assembly meeting would confirm the outcomes of the voting. Email was determined to be the most feasible method, but a formal decision was not made.

Moved: J Buckeridge
Passed unanimously

6. Determining the Locations of Future Congressional Meetings

-The committee discussed voting on the locations of congressional meeting two meetings in advance. This would be done in order to give those holding the congress enough time to prepare and to plan for other events.

Action: Committee Members

-Committee members will select a short list of candidate-locations (with the possibility of only one selection) before voting on the locations and sent off, ICZN needs to confirm that ISZS is the hosting body.

Action: Secretariat (J-M Jallon will also make informal contact).

7. Update on the Journal

-ISZS cannot sell a paper version of Integrative Zoology due to the Chinese government not currently issuing ISBN numbers. We can still sell digital copies online. Because libraries are buying fewer and fewer hard copies of journals, it was determined that a lack of hard copies will not have a great affect on the journal's readership.

Action: Y. Xie

-To increase the number of subscriptions to the journal, the citation frequency for the journal must be high. All members should try to cite the journal in their own papers.

Action: Committee

8. Voting and Voting Rights

-Organizations will only have one vote. A footnote to this effect will be added to the statutes. We will also delete the line in paragraph two of the ISZS application form that reads, "If an organization becomes a corporate member, all members in the organization will be members of ISZS."

**Moved: J. Buckeridge
Passed unanimously**

- All members will have voting rights. Current members will have voting rights during the 20th congress if membership fees are paid by January 1st 2008. Voting (on the election of the new committee) must be done before the AGM. Nominations close before the AGM.

**Moved: J. Buckeridge
Passed unanimously**

The meeting closed at 5:30pm.

Next Meeting: Paris August, 2008, unless funding can facilitate an earlier meeting.